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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, it is requested that the following references, which are also listed on the attached Information Disclosure Citation, be made of record in the above-identified case.

1. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 08-280701 A published October 29, 1996 together with English abstract and corresponding United States Patent No. 5,766,184 dated June 16, 1998 issued to Matsuno et al.; and
2. Japanese Office Action dated April 26, 2011 together with English translation.

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The reference listed above was cited in an Official Action dated April 26, 2011 received from the Japanese Patent Office. Applicants are submitting a copy of the above reference, together with a translation of the Examiner's comments regarding all of the references from the Official Action. Please note that the other reference cited in the Office Action was previously submitted in applicants' Information Disclosure Statement dated December 14, 2009. The relevance of the references has been described in the Official Action.

In compliance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3), as a concise statement of relevance, as it is presently understood by the individual designated in 35 U.S.C. §1.56(c) most knowledgeable about the content of the information, the undersigned attorney of record submits a translation of portions of an Official Action by a foreign examiner in which references were cited. The relevance to the pending U.S. patent application is that the Official Action issued in a foreign patent application on the same subject matter. However, no independent analysis of the Official Action, the accuracy of the statement of the foreign examiner or the claims of the foreign application under the laws of that country or the United States relative to the subject matter claimed in the present application has been made; the present understanding of the contents thereof by the undersigned being based on the translation of the foreign examiner's comments submitted herewith.

The undersigned attorney hereby states that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

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